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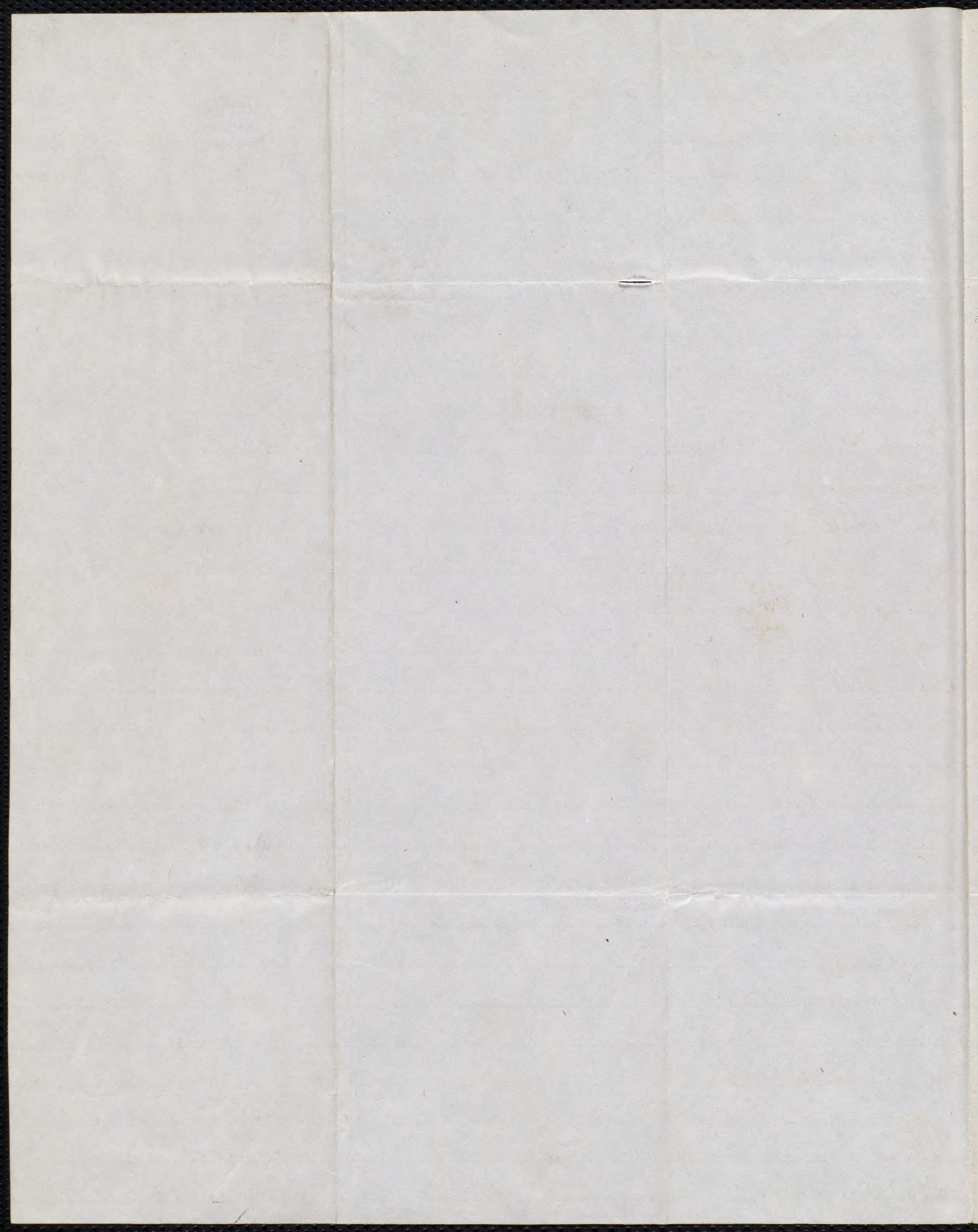
## Swallowing a Camel.

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Friend Garrison, verily you done it when you undertook to swallow down those "professed reformers", surely you gave them great credit for honesty and intelligence; we are not surprised that you entertain such feelings, but we are surprised that you express them, we have not forgotten that valuable tea set, which was the production of the labour of the Scottish slaves, taken by you when they were on the brink of starvation; we learn from the Liberator that you were very modest about it, but yet you took the tea set, would not the 'echo' be appropriate "send back" the silver.

Who said "it was worse for a man to be free than to be a slave?" or "worse to work for whom he pleases when he pleases and where he pleases than to be compelled to toil under the lash of the slave driver"? Surely Young America has not said that; has its editor advocated anything but liberty for every man? is a man free when his natural right to the soil has been denied to him and he is compelled to labour for a bare pittance for who ever will employ them? is making shirts for five cts a piece freedom or a just compensation for labour? are virtuous women to be starved into prostitution in this christian community for the want of a reasonable compensation of their labours and that of no account? are such free? is this where you see the beauties of freedom, and are the men who protest against these and other parallel outrages to be stigmatised as "grossly ignorant" and "preposterously knavish"? surely your "charity covereth a multitude of sins", "worse to make his own contracts and receive the amount of wages he has stipulated for







than to be ~~seized~~ and worked with out any remuneration  
do not the slaves of the south the producing class have  
sufficient to sustain animal life? is it not the interest  
of those who hold them in bondage to give them sufficient to  
preserve their strength as labourers? what a cry would you raise of  
tyranny and oppression, should they be allowed to starve while the  
productions of their labour should be taken to some other land  
to fatten their oppressors, but yet you can look at the starvation  
of the Irish and Scotch, and still be dumb with regard to the  
injustice of it, and console yourself with extending <sup>to them</sup> your sympathies.  
"worse to stand equal with all others in the eyes of the laws" glorious  
equality where a foreigner and an alien may purchase of government  
50,000 acres of the people's land, to introduce the British system of wages  
and tenant slavery, among the so called free labourers of the free states,  
while if 1000 native born citizens of this "glorious republic" should  
settle on an adjoining 50,000 acres, and enrich it by their labours,  
another British tyrant may obtain their right to the soil if they are  
unable to pay the ransom price, & the whole power of the government  
is pledged to compel them to pay tribute to this alien tyrant, is this  
freedom where many has greater claim on government than man. was one man  
born to be a slave or to pay tribute to his fellow man, for the privilege of draw-  
ing his sustenance from his God given inheritance? is not this slavery? we  
have not space nor time to go into detail of all the workings of the 'grab  
system'; you may see it in Great Britton plainly, in France before  
and since the revolution, in all Europe and much of it in America,  
and will you sit in your sanctum, and issuing your productions  
to the tune of "twelve hundred a year", stigmatising the men who <sup>are</sup> la-  
bouring to bring about the freedom of every man, with such perversion  
as is your "straining at a gnat"?

\* Parters tract for the times.

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